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Thinking Out Loud

H. M. L.

Possibly by the time this is printed, the world will hear a proposal for peace, made jointly by Mussolini and Hitler that will be acceptable to France and Great Britain, and, of course, to this country. For it goes, almost without saying that whatever satisfies the two great European democracies, will be agreeable to us. A war for Mediterranean control will have been averted, Italy's piracy therein ended.

Pending this proposal, it is interesting to speculate upon the terms which Germany and Mussolini might offer to guarantee European peace. We often accuse Oriental peoples of going to preposterous extremes to "save face." But as a matter of fact aside from England, which is content to save its belly and let its face go, there is hardly a nation in the world that does not assiduously seek to save its face, that is, its prestige in world affairs.

From this distance, a satisfactory peace proposal, it would appear, must recognize the Mediterranean as a world highway free to all nations. A guarantee of such freedom would be the dismantling of all fortifications which might be used on a moment's notice to close that highway to world commerce. This applies with equal force to the Suez canal and the Red Sea. If this sea highway from Gibraltar to Aden needs policing then that job should be assigned to the nations that make most use of it, distributing the burden of cost among them equally.

Of immediate importance also is the international war in Spain. Foreign forces, whether of land, sea or air, should withdraw if peace conditions are even to be approximated. Spain must be left to fight out its own quarrel, permitting each faction to buy such supplies as it can pay for from whatever source available. Whether we shall hear such a proposal made by Hitler and Mussolini, is extremely doubtful, and whether Russia would ecquiesce, is also veiled in uncertainty. However Russia might be willing to disengage all forces in Spain in order to have a free hand in the Sino-Japanese controversy.

But here again we face what probably will constitute a major obstacle to peace in Europe, that is, the war in Asia. Hitler and Mussolini have shown little inclination to take any step to relieve their democratic neighbors of embarrassment. Once assured of European peace, England and France would immediately turn their attention to the Orient. By offering any assured prospect of peace in Europe therefore, Hitler and Mussolini would virtually permit Great Britain, and in lesser degree France, a free hand in the war between Japan and China. No question but Russia would also intervene more or less openly on behalf of the Chinese.

We only know what we read, as the President is so fond of saying, but we really do not expect Mussolini and Hitler to make any worth while peace proposal. To save their faces they cannot back out of Spain, and after all the talk of "Mare Nostrum", Mussolini cannot be expected to sing small regarding his Mediterranean pretensions.

This is contributed by a Nevada City Republican:

"Among the various alphabetical utopian measures of the present administration is the well known F. L. A., or farm loan association, which sought to aid the farmer and soak the consumer by killing off a large percentage of the stock in order to raise prices.

"It is told that from New York a certain deserving worthy, who never in his life had seen a hog outside of a butchher shop, was outfitted with a gun, a plentiful supply of ammunition and a check book. He was sent forth to cover a certain rural area of upper New York state and told to do his stuff.

"Coming first to a small farm which boasted of more hogs than the regulations permitted, the agent showed his credentials, shot the proper number, saw to their disposal, wrote out a check for the happy farmer and continued on his way. The next place yielded several cattle which were disposed of in the same manner.

"The third place he visited however, proved to be a goat ranch kept by an Italian. Here the agent was in a quandray, for he had never seen a goat before and, looking vainly through his book of instructions, he could find no reference whateevr to any such animal, so he hastily wired Washington as follows: 'I have come across some peculiar animals; they have long beards, are always on the go, and smell awful strong. What shall I do?"

"The answer came quickly from headquarters and equally competent officials: "For God's cake don't shoot them. They are the farmers."

FOREIGN BOND HOLDERS WATCH WAR IN ORIENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—Foreign holders of Chinese and Japanese government obligations are following events in the Far East with keen interest. According to figures compiled by the American Council Institute of Pacific Relations, foreign holdings of Chinese government securities amount to approximately $543 million. Japan's outstanding foreign debt is about $658 million, a substantial portion of which, possibly as much as half, has been repatriated through purchase by Japanese nationals. American holdings of Chinese obligations amount to about $34.5 million; figures for Japan cannot be estimated with any accuracy but are probably considerably larger.

Chinese loans and credits held by foreigners, which amounted on July 1 to approximately $543 million in principal, are about equally divided between loans under the care of the Ministry of Finance and railway obligations. Of the former about $156.-7 million are secured against customs revenues, $54.2 million against salt revenues and $60 million against miscellaneous securities. Approximately $62.5 million in priucipal and $58.1 million in interest are in default. Of the railway obligations about $174 million are in the form of loans, $78 million in credits of various types and $20 million in advances for which bonds have not been issued.

At the end of 1930, according to Professor Remer, British investors held 31.8 per cent of such obligations; Japanese, 31.5 per cent (including the unsecured Nishihara loans); French, 13.7 per cent; Belgian, 6.8 per cent; Italian, 5.9 per cent; American, 5.9 per cent; Dutch, German and Scandinavian, 4.4 per cent. These holdings undoubtedly have shifted since 1930, while new loans have increased the share of certain countries, notably Great Britain.

American interests have directly participated in four Chinese loans now amounting to about $34.5 million. These are (1) the Hukuang railway loan, originally floated by a consortioum of British, French, German and American bankers; (2) the "Chicago Loan" of 1919, which was adjusted in April of this year after having been long in arrears; (3) the Republic of China 6 per cent Two Year Secured Gold Loan Treasury Notes of 1919 issued by the Pacific Development Co. and reorganized on July 1, 1937 after default; (4) the Chinese Government 5 per cent Cotton and Wheat Loan of June 1933, originally granted in the form of cotton, wheat anf flour by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Grain Stabilization Corporation, and now held by the Export-Import Bank.

Foreign obligations of the Japanese government were on June 30 about $658 million, including five sterling (1889, 1907, 1910, 1924, 1930), one franc (1910) and two dollar (1924, 1930) loans as well as sterling obligations of the South Manchuria Railway. Of these amounts approximately 60 per cent were in sterling bonds, 28 per cent in dollars and 12 per cent in francs. However, several years ago, when Japanese bonds in foreign markets were selling at low prices and hence offered high yields, considerable quantities of them were bought up by Japanese interests.

Disruption of China's foreign trade by the exigencies of war would seriously affect customs revenues, upon which many foreign loans have a first lien. In this connection it is of interest to note the proposal now being discussed in Shanghai, providing for collection of the Shanghai customs by a foreign organization with a view to protecting foreign creditors. Disorganization of railway service by military operations, Japanese seizure of salt and other revenues in North China, and other consequences of war are likely to curtail other sources of funds for debt service, while there will be great pressure to ultilize the revenues remaining to China for war purposes. Japan in contrast with China, has an excellent credit record and is not subject to the sort of difficulties noted above. Still, allocation of exchange for foreign debt service will doubtless be a problem for the Japanese government in view of the present exchange stringency.

BIRTHDAYS!!

Send a Greeting to Your Friends..

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MRS. D. E. COUGHLAND
Main Street
DR. J. R. IVEY
Broad Street
MARIE POIRER
R. F. D. Nevada City
October 4
MRS. CLARA PHILLIPS
West Broad Street

Happy Birthday

STUDENTS LEARN CAROLS TO SING AT YULETIDE

By MARY MARTZ

The high school boys and girls choruses are well organized and are learning college and high school songs appropriate for the football season. They also sing lyrics such as "Out of the Dust to You" and "Now the Day is Over." The girls chorus has learned as a special feature a comic song "Way" and the boys have harmonized "Timber." Some time in the future they will sing some A capella songs. Soon they will start Christmas carols as Mrs. Libbey said they would prepare to sing carols through the town in the same fashion as they did last year. She also plans to give some sort of operetta before school closes. although nothing definite has been decided. The choruses in the past few years have been a pleasure both to its members and its audiences and Mrs. Libbey may well be proud of her work with them.

ROTARY TO HOLD JOINT MEETING THURSDAY NOON

A group of Rotary members yesterday devoted several hours to volunteer work on the new annex to Seaman's hall. Floor joists were laid and sub-flooring gotten well under way. Those taking part in the work were Chester Scheemer, Clyde Gwin, Oscar Odegaard, Ted Janiss, Walter Carlson, Horace Curnow, Frank Finnegan and Harley M. Leete. A carpenter directed their activities and will continue the work this week.

Next Thursday noon there will be a joint meeting of the Nevada City and Grass Valley Rotary clubs at luncheon in the National hotel. Samuel T. Farquhar, superintendent of the University of California Press will speak on what the University of California Press does for the people of California.

S. LEE LEITER WILL RE-ENTER BUSINESS HERE

S. Lee Leiter for many years owner of The Lace House but recently retired when he sold it has decided to re-enter the business life of Nevada City.

Mr. Leiter has purchased the Preston News Shop and on October 1 will take charge and conduct it along the same lines as did the late Ben H. Preston and Mrs. M. J. Preston who continued the business after Mr. Preston's death.

E. H. ARMSTRONG BURIED WITH MASONIC RITES

Private funeral services were held in Grass Valley this morning for the late E. H. Armstrong. Rev. Charles Washburn officiated. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery. Madison Lodge, No. 23 F. and A. M. conducted the graveside services.

Deceased passed away at his home on South Auburn street in Grass Valley on Saturday morning following astroke. He had been in ill health since June.

Elmer H. Armstrong was an attorney widely known and highly respected throughout the county. He was born at Iowa Hill in 1869. In early life he drove stage and freight teams.

He established the Armstrong Business College in Grass Valley in 1899. In 1913 he was admitted to the bar. In 1914 he was elected district attorney and was re-elected a second term. He was rated as one of the most resourceful, efficient and effective trial lawyers in the history of the county.

He was one of the organizers of the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce. He was a a member of Tuolumne Lodge No. 8, R. A. M., Grass Valley Chapter No. 18, R. A. M., Quartz Parlor, N S. G. W. and Grass Valley Nest No. 1547, Owls.

He served also as an officer of the Nevada County Bar Association and was widely known in the California State Bar. At the time of his death he was secretary of the Nevada County Bar Association.

Surviving the deceased attorney besides his wife and daugrter, Mrs. Roy Terrell, are two brothers, O. E. Armstrong of Beverly Hills. Two sis-Armstrong of Bevely Hills. Two sisters, Mrs. Nell Bowers of Spokane, Washington and Mrs. Mary Boardman of Los Gatos also mourn his passing.

COURT HONORS MEMORY OF LATE E. H. ARMSTRONG

When Superior Court opened this morning Attorney James Snell made a motion for adjournment out of respect to the late E. H. Armstrong of Grass Valley who passed away Saturday and who was secretary and a member of the Bar Association.

Attorneys George L. Jones, W. E. Wright and Lynne Kelley were appointed by the court to prepare proper remarks. Court was set to reopen Friday, October first to hear the eulogy.

NEVADA, PLACER HOLD EPWORTH LEAGUE RALLIES

By MARY MARTZ

The Nevada City high school Epworth League held a rally here Friday night for the leaguers of Nevada and Placer counties. The reception committee was composed of the new local officers. President, Thomas Rickard; first vice president, Laura Price; second vice president, Jean Martz; third vice president, Melvin Clark; fourth vice president, Phil Angove; fifth vice president, Barbara Phariss; secretary-treasurer, Bill Rickard; publicity reporter, Ruth Godfrey and pianist, Alice Graham. Roseville, Loomis, Auburn, Colfax and Grass Valley sent representatives and Roseville won the rally banner for the most members present. The Placer-Nevada county alliances officers were elected and were: president, Claude Pratt, first vice president; Marion Cornish, second vice president; Helen Bergtholdt, third vice president, Jean Martz; fourth vice president; Bill Van Alezer; fifth vice president, Marnie Nile; and treasurer, Phil Angove. A potluck supper was served and an entertainment supplied by Nevada City. The eighty five delegates proclaimed the rally a success and that they had spent a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Bolton of this city entertained two sisters and brothers in law of Mrs. Bolton Sunday. They were, Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Katzer and son, Dixon; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sinnock and son, Colrax. Mr. and Mrs. Katzer opened a 5-10 cent store in Dixon in August and like their new home.

Fish and Game Board Asked to Withdraw Protest to Dams

Committeemen for the withdrawing of protest from the California State Fish and Came Commission.

Mr. W. G. Allen
Smartville, California.
Dear Sir:

As a member of the California Hydraulic Mining Association I am aware that the State Fish and Game Cimmission has protested the construction of a dam for the impounding of hydraulic mining debris on the Upper Narrows of the Yuba river.

My husband is retired from the United States navy. Chief Machinist's Mate from the submarine division. Like many other retired people our principal diversion in life is to travel, hunt, and fish. The mysterious lodestone that caused the sailors to desert their ships in the bay of San Francisco and flock to the hills has not lost one iota of its great power. The hills and moutains of northern California fairly swarm with men who have seen service in the navy.

We have visited or lived in all the mining districts of Southern and Northern California. We traveled into Kennett where the proposed site of the huge Kennett Dam is to be built. We went there to spend the week end and stayed eleven months. The main attraction there, at that time, was the deer hunting and the spring and fall run of the salmon.

Five years ago we were attracted to the South Fork of the Yuba river on a gravel mining speculation. We rented a furnished cabin at Bridgeport (seven miles above the proposed site of the Englebright dam) and lived at that resort from the first of May until the first of October. We soon learned, to our great regret, that fishing could not be enjoyed from the town of Smartville up country for many miles.

Even an amateur fisherman will tell you that it is impossible for edible trout to survive in water that is warm. And the icy, snow waters become gradually warmer as they descend from the mountains until they the luke warm by the time the country in the vicinity of North San Juan has been reached.

We have seen a few sickly white fish in the water below Jones Bar. But those who really enjoy eating trout would not be tempted to eat the soft flabby meat of these unappetizing members of the fin family.

If the trout can not live in the waters above the proposed dam, common sense will tell you they cannot live below it.

I have never seen bass or salmon in the streams above this region. There are exceptions to every statement, of course, and I suppose a few salmon occasionally travel upwards. The old timers tell me that years ago salmon would venture into the Yuba and then become trapped in pot holes and die, because the water rises and recedes to such an uncalculated extent the migratory fish have long since abandoned these waters.

I believe the fishing conditions in this area, according to my statement above are verified by the fact that there are no fishing lodges, or clubs with headquarters on this river within five miles of the dam site or twenty five miles or more up stream Even the people who have lived in this country all of their lives know they have never enjoyed a day of good fishing within five miles of the dam site. And it is utterly ridiculous to try to believe anyone would attempt to rely on fishing for subsistence in that area.

The Yuba river, as low down as the Narrows, is not considered good fishing territory and to build expensive fish hatcheries to stock a stream where fish can not live is fool-hardy. Nor can I see why fish ladders should be built for fish that do not exist. We might just as seriously build runways and hen houses across the top of the dam for non-existent chickens.

I do not feel that sport fishing should be given consideration ahead of hydraulic mining. As I have stated before, I have lived in this country long enough to know it intimately. I know it from a city bred person's view point and from the general attitude of the old timerrs who have spent the entire span of their lives in this region.

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The old time residents may be a little slow of speech and a bit tongue tied in the presence of our august, city born commission. But I live directly among them and I happen to know that they dream of the day when hydraulic mining will be resumed. They do not dream of a few fish to be enjoyed during the warm summer months.

They are dreaming of monitors spurting water against the red sides of the ancient channels. They are dreaming of pay days every two weeks. And pay days mean the ghost towns can throw aside their shrouds and step forth in the garb of new stores, new homes, and a new lease on life. The citizens will be supplemented by new people from all over America. They will tear down the crumbling shacks and build livable homes and fill them with clean, new rugs, new furniture, and stock the kitchens with good red steaks, lamb chops, and roast pork instead of the tasteless flesh of half boiled carp from the tepid waters of the lower Yuba river.

Mr. Baithwaite and myself stand for full consideration toward fish and sportsmen but we are dedicated to the gold industry which is the backbone of this great state. The gold industry of Northern California is capable of taking every able bodied man in this region from off the relief dole, and placing them on a self respecting pay roll. Mining in California came to the rescue of the nation in the criisis of the Civil War. And mining in California will deliver us from the hell-hole of Depression in this present day national crisis if we can keep it out of the greedy hands of corrupter politicians.

The gold industry will be handicapped and thwarted as long as it remains a politically impotent section of the Department of Natural Resources. The Fish and Game Commission are a body of men whose duty it is in life to see that wealthy sportsmen and fishermen may roam over our hills and through our streams when the skies are clear and the sun is shining. The gold mining industry deserves a separate office in our government where it will be in the hands of trained, well-informed men who will keep the pay roll windows open and gold pouring into the channels of industry through the long, hard winters when the snow is deep on the ground, and the rivers frozen over and the sportsmen safe ald secure in their warm homes and offices.

Up here on the North San Juan Ridge I have had ample time for study and practical experience in the mining conditions. I am in position to know if the hdraulic mines again operate they will open a treasure chest wherein lies over half a billion dollars in raw gold. Let us think twice before we allow a few self interested people from the big cities to close the lid on that giant treasure for another half century.

Respectfully yours,
KATHERINE BRAITHWAITE.

NEVADA CITY B. P. O. E. HONORS TWO MEMBERS

S Lee Leiter and P G. Scadden, both past exalted rulers of Nevada City lodge of Elks and both district deputies for the district of Northern California have been elected to honorary life membership at the lodge meeting Friday night, October 24.

Mr. Scadden is a charter member of the lodge. Mr. Leiter has been a member since 1899.

The honorary membership is extended to them in appreciation of their long and faithful service to the lodge. During the long years of their membership both men have been very active in the lodge work and have given most generously of their time to the lodge.

CIVIC CLUB WELCOMES DISTRICT HEAD TONIGHT

The Nevada City Civic Club will have the pleasure of a visit with an address by Mrs. H. H. Vann of Colusa, president of the Northern District of Women's Clubs of California, at the meeting tonight in the Brand Studio. Mrs. Vann is a pleasing speaker and her coming to Nevada City is much appreciated by the local club.

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Newspaper editors seldom indulge in "talking shop" through their columns. They assume, in most instances, that their readers are primarily interested in having a good newspaper, but that the editor's problems in putting together that newspaper are of no particular public concern. Generally speaking, that assumption is correct. The editor's worries are his own, just like the butcher's, the baker's and the candlestick-maker's.

But when George F. Morrell, president of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, tells a group of fellow-publishers that demands of the C. I. O.- controlled Newspaper Guild for a closed shop bring the threat of "a muzzled press" —that, we believe, is of just as vital concern to the reading public as to the editors who serve them. For a free press and freedom of speech are twin cornerstones of liberty. In nations which have succumbed to Fascism and Communism. the press was blundgeoned into silence first. And with a rigid censorship clamped down, despots then found it comparatively easy to strip the general citizenry of freedom of speech and action and every vestige of liberty.

Speaking on the closed shop issue, as it affects newspapers, Mr. Morrell rightly declares: "If we are to have 100 per cent organization of news and editorial workers in unions dominated by international officers, we face the prospect of having Guild editorial policies substituted for our own." No one who has watched recent developments in the Guild can discount that possibility. The American Newspaper Guild, today, is part and parcel of the John L. Lewis-C. I. O. hierarchy, which perpetuated the illegal "sit-down strikes," which has paralyzed industry in many areas by force and violence, which indulged in high-handed tactics of stopping the United States mails and which has done its utmost to foment class struggle. At the moment, it seems to be shaping its course toward a determined drive to satisfy Mr. Lewis' ambitions and elevate him to the presidency.

Under the circumstances, neither the public nor the press can look with anything but misgiving at Mr. Lewis' demand for a closed shop. Many newspaper readers may not agree with what their editor has to say, but at least they concur in his right to say it. When Mr. Lewis dreams of the press in a Guilded cage, he forgets that this is America—and that Americans like to speak out in meeting!—Contributed.

End of Illusion

Political apologists for staggering governmental expenditures, during recent years when Uncle Sam has written I. O. U.'s with reckless abandon, piling up a mountainous indebtedness, have frequently assured rank and file taxpayers that they had nothing to fear. The bill would be paid by tapping the tills of the rich!

The come-on patter of the spenders ran something like this: "Government must go forward at all costs, but not at the expense of 'the little man.' This is a country of vast wealth and huge personal fortunes. The time has come for the 'haves' to share with the 'have-nots' and we shall 'soak the rich'."

But now comes the end of illusion. Recovery expenditures alone have cost us 20 billion dollars—every dollar of it borrowed. And Uncle Sam, starting to get perturbed about his over-draft at the bank, is casting around for ways and means to raise the 20 billion, plus another 17 billion borrowed for general purposes.

And in case you were taken in by that bit of sophistry about "soaking the rich" and exempting rank and file taxpayers, it might be well to ponder these facts which hard-boiled mathematicians turned up last week as they dug into the problem. Our tax bill last year (just for current expenditures) totaled 12 billion and a half. Now let's pass it on to the rich! Let's assume that everyone with an income of more than $25,000 per year is rich. If we confiscated their total earnings (the sad-eyed mathematicians explain) and left them as destitute as Chinese refugees, we would collect less than 4 billion dollars—about one-third of what we need!

The best a layman can make of those figures is that rich man and poor man alike are going to pay—and pay and pay and pay! Soon we'll have to take up that over-draft at the bank. But perhaps it's time to wake up and kick—while we're still able. We can kick to our congressmen, now that they're home. And we can kick over that spendthrift proposal on next year's ballot to reduce the required vote for revenue bonds from two-thirds to a simple majority. The end of illusion is disillusionment, but at least we might disillusion our spenders, too.—Contributed.

Dick Marriot of the University of San Francisco who has been visiting his parents for four days returned to his studies yesterday.

Jack Deal of Forest came down to attend the birthday dinner of E. J. Johnson in Nevada City on Thursday.

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LOST HORIZON

Public Opinion

By Clayton Rand

The President's Supreme Court issue is evidently defeated—provided there is no let-down on the part of those who oppose it.

If the observation is correct, it is interesting to note that the measure failed primarily because of a groundswell of public opinion.

No powerful influences were brought to bear. The masses of Americans did not like the subterfuge, the chicanery, the trickery of it, and revolted.

Old Marse Henry Watterson once referred to that "saving grace of common sense in the American people." It still manifests itself, and no power in the country can long resist the force of it — the pressure of public opinion.

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IMPATIENT PASSING GREAT ROAD MENACE

Do you impatiently try to pass another car "right now" or do you sensibly wait for a really safe chance to pass?

This question is put by th Public Safety Department of the California State Automobile Association in a statement today discussing the dangers of improper passing.

"The impatient driver who swings out suddenly, then cuts back in, possibly forcing another off the road or at least causing a bad scare, shows himself to be childish, unthinking, a poor citizen, and a menace to the motoring public," the statement said.

"One of the reasons why so many accidents are the result of improper passing is that impatient drivers over estimate the time saved by passing RIGHT NOW instead of waiting for a safe opportunity. Usually the time is so slight that if motorists stopped to think they would never risk a serious accident for so insignificant a gain."

The association statement offered a series of suggestions, based on the State Motor Vehicle Code, as follows:

"I will give the car I am passing plenty of side clearance and will not cut back into its lane until I am well out in front.

"I will drive on the left side of the road in passing ONLY when the road is clear far enough ahead so I can get back on the right side before coming within 100 feet of any approaching car.

"I positively will not pass on blind curves or hill crests.

"I will pass on the right only on city streets, not on highways, unless the car ahead is making a left turn.

"I will not race. I will give way when the driver behind indicates a wish to pass."

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INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE IN ATTACK CHARGE

Russel Fleury, Grass Valley miner, held in the county jail since July on the charge of attempted assault on Mrs. C. Coats, an entertainer at the Gold Nugget Inn, has been released fom custody. Motion for dismissal was made by his attorney, James Snell on the ground of insufficient evidence.

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CHINA'S AERIAL DEFENSE CAN BE LONG EFFECTIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27. — If Japan's superior air force should shatter China's first line of air defense, there still will be a second line which might offer considerable resistance, according to information secured by the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations. While China's three main military air fields are located in the east—at Nanchang, Hangchow (Chekiang province) and Hengchow (Hunan province) there are a number of commercial airports in central and western China beyond the immediate striking range of Japan's bombing planes. These commercial fields might be converted into bases for military aviation if and when airports near the coast should be destroyed by Japanese air raids or should prove ineffective for strategic reasons.

During the last few years China has made rapid strides in the field of aviation. A network of commercial airlines has been developed throughout the country, new airports have been established and existing ones have been improved and modernized. There are at least twenty-seven landing fields now used for civil aviation which could be taken over by the military air force. The coastal line of air fields containing the important centers of Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Raichow, Nanking, Shanghai, Wenchow, Foochow, Amoy, Swatow, and Canton is supplemented by two gigantic semi-circles of potential air bases in the interior. These are Anking, Kiukiang, Hankow, Shasi, Wahnsien, Chungking, Kiating, Kweiyang, Kunming, and Chengtu in the south and southwest and Lanchow, Ninghsia, Paotow, Sian, Loyang and Chengchow in the north and northwest. The innermost points of this network tap the vast hinterland of western China while Paotow and Ninghsia are near the Outer Mongolian frontier.

Whether these inland bases are sufficiently equipped to meet military emergncies remains to be seen. The strategic importance of some of these inland airports, however, is made clear by the fact that arsenals are located at Sian, Chengtu, Chungking and Kunming where landing fields are also located. The distance between Chungking and Shanghai is about 1000 miles, that between Chungking and Chengtu is 180 miles and that between Chengtu and Kunming 422 miles. Chengtu is about 380 miles from Sian while this latter city is over 750 miles from Shanghai. Lanchow ,the innermost airport in the north west is about 1150 miles from Shanghai.

China's military air force would be put into a position much stronger than it is at present through the use of these additional airports which would facilitate operations from bases relatively safe from Japanese raiding. There are now some 450 planes, of which less than thirty belong to the navy, at the disposition of the Chinese government, as compared with Japan's 2000. China's 1050 trained pilots are confronted with Japan's 2300. China's military air fleet consists of the following types of planes: Northrop, Douglas, Vought Corsair, Boeing, Westland, Breda, Fiat, Caproni, Savoia-Marchetti, Brequet, Wapiti, Avro and Nakajima.

JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder as the dove of peace
Pursues her unremitting quest,
If there is any earthly spot
Whereon her feet may safely rest;
And is there any sunlit field
In which an olive branch could sprout
And lions with the lambs lie down?
There may be, but I hae me doubt.

I wonder what ails this little bellicose planet called earth. After centuries of vaunted progress it is still in a state of tumult, strife and human infelicity. Is civilization a farce, education a masquerade? Have the great philosophies failed to instruct? Have religious cults and creeds become too effete to lead the way? Is fraternity a myth? Has reason definitely taken its departure? To each and all of these queries we should like to register an emphatic "no," but something is wrong with this mundane sphere; that fact the most optimistic observers are forced to admit.

The very globe itself cannot be fully trusted; at times it quivers and quakes, spouts fire and brimstone and spreads destruction far and wide; through the year and in orderly succession we are pestered bl blizzards, freshets, dust storms and falling leaves. The master minds of this era should be considering these things. Nature must be more ably controlled or cleverly circumvented in order that we may live less dangerously and more complacently in this, our human habitation; but turning aside from wise and beneficent tasks, our great scientists, inventors and world leaders engage their energies in problems of modern warfare. It's neither reasonable nor sane, but perhaps man has not lived long enough upon this planet to be entirely reasonable or sane.

Of course, the terrifying roar of mechanized warfare is as yet far removed from America's peace loving shores, but within her borders verbal battles create cacaphony extraordinary.

I wonder if those who are forced to listen to family squabbles, in which they have no part, ever fail to lose both sympathy and respect for the contenders.

Would it not be well to air some of our present day brawls behind closed doors?

I wonder about expatriates; we are so casual with ours. We Americans never seem to mourn their departure, miss them overly much, or beg them to return. Remember Bret Harte? We even let him go with a cheery, "so long Bret, have a good time." Of course Mark Twain was left, Bill Nye and P. V. Nasby too, and our sense of humor was in excellent working order.

—A. MERRIAM CONNER.

MENUHIN WILL GIVE CONCERT IN SACRAMENTO

Northern California music lovers will be among the very first to hear Yehudi Menuhin, San Rrancisco-born genius of the violin, following his return to the world's concert stage after a two year vacation.

Menuhin will play his first concert in San Francisco October 1, and will open the Sacramento Music Series on Tuesday, October 5 in Memorial Auditorium, four days later.

Throughout the music world, the re-appearance of the 21 year old genius is hailed as an outstanding event of the 1937-38 season. Following his two year vacation in the Menuhin ranch at Los Gatos, are concert plans made far into 1940.

His concert in Sacramento will include music from Tartini-Kreisler, Bach, Mendelssohn, Wieniawski, Sarasate, Bebussy and Locatelli. He will be accompanied by Ferguson Webster at the piano.

Menuhin's concert will be the first to be played in the recently improved Memorial auditorium A sum of $14,000 was spent this summer in improving the acoustics of the auditorium so that the fulness of each musical note and spoken word can be heard in every one of the 5,500 seats.

This will be the first of five concerts in the series, which will include Enzio Pinza, Salzburg Opera guild, Bartlett and Robertson, duo-pianists; and Helen Jepsen, radio, screen and opera star.

Tickets are available now at Ye Music Shoppe, Sacramento. Management is by Ware and Hazelton.

A large drag line, property of a Marysville contracting firm, passed through Nevada City early this forenoon from highway construction work between Goodyears Bar and Downieville, enroute to headquarters in the above mentioned city.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO FUEL OIL DEALERS

Sealed bids for furnishing fuel oil to the Nevada City Elementary School (tank capacity 3,000 gallons), and Nevada City High School (tank capacity 9,500.00 gallons), for the Season, October 1, 1937, to July 1, 1938, inclusive, will be received by the undersigned, on or before 12 noon, Monday, October 11th, 1937. Oil must conform to the United States Department of Commerce Commercial Standard C. S. 12-35 grade No. five (5) and bids must specify a guaranteed price per gallon, or per 42 gallon barrel, delivered in tanks at the respective school buildings in Nevada City, California, as needed. Oil will be paid for monthly as billed. Bids must be delivered to P. G. Scadden, Clerk, on or before 12 noon, Monday, October 11, 1937.

Further information may be obtained from P. G. Scadden, Clerk, or from E. M. Rector, Bank of America, Nevada City, California.

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ALCAZAR IN S. F. TO STAGE 'BEYOND THE HORIZON'

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—New honors are being earned nightly by the cast of Federal Theatres players at the Alcazar. The Pulitzer Prize play "Beyond the Horizon," opening next Tuesday night this justly celebrated dramtic production will for the first time have been shown at popular Federal Treatres prices of 25c to 55c. "Beyond the Horizon" will probably establish a new high for the local government players.

"Beyond the Horizon" was written by Eugene O'Neill, now a resident of Northern California. It was his first full length play after achieving fame for his one act sketches and was largely responsible for establishing him as one of the greatest playwrights of the day. His plays are internationally known and produced. Three times he has been awarded the Puliztzer prize for his work.

Some months ago, Mr. O'Neill granted the Federal Theatres the privilege of producing all of his plays. "Beyond the Horizon" is the first to be produced in San Francisco.

In the cast are such San Francisco Federal Theatre favorites as Leon Forbes, Edna Elsmere, Ruthh Saville, Grace Cooper, J. Raymond Northcutt, Rupert Drum, Daniel Pennell, David Cole. Two newcomers to the Federal Theatre stage are Crawford Perks, playing one of the leading roles, and little Miss Arlene Rossi, 4, granddaughter of Mayor Rossi, mayor of SaSn Francisco. Young Miss Rossi has an important part and renders a highly satisfactory interpretation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Riddle visited in Nevada City Sunday with Mrs. Riddle's sister, Mrs. J. J. Jackson, Jr. and Mr. Jackson.

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Social Events

Jack Reeder Host To Many Friends

Jack Reeder, son of Dr. and Mrs. David H. Reeder of this city entertained many friends at his home on Pine street Saturday night. The feature of the affair was a scavenger hunt, which proved a lot of fun. Besides this entertainment, refreshments were served and other games played. Francis Lounhran, son of H. J. Loughran was the guest of honor as he and his folks are leaving soon. Those attending were Misses Peggy Bettles, Victoria Soga, LeVerne Willard, Evelyn Lotz, Alberta Bolton, Edna Doolittle, Olive Fox, Dorothe Hoff, Ginger Carney, Edna Richerson, Edna Doolittle, Jean Martz, Ruth Godfey., Rosalia Bagshaw, Lillian Wasley and June Hawke. Messrs. John Muscardini, Franklin White, Fred Garrison, Phil Angove, Angus Fox, George Willard, Jim Hunter, Russel Moyle, Delbert Williams, Don Gilkey, Bill Elkus, Don Bosworth, Tony Cartoscelli, Dick Keene, James Jackson, and the guest of honor, Francis Loughran and host Jack Reeder.

Birthday Party for Clifford Masterson

Mrs. William Masterson of Sacramento street entertained several of her son, Clifford's friends at a dinner Saturday given in honor of his fifteenth birthday. Pasties, salad, ice cream and a large birthday cake, decorated with fifteen candles, were the list for the menu and many games were played, making a very enjoyable afternoon for the boys. The boys who attended were: Ronald Joyal, Bill Muscardini, Otto Kron, Ed Froft, Lloyd Stratroen, Floyd Ruth, and Clifford Masterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kopp Celebrate 47th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kopp of Nevada City celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary Sunday in their home on Winter street. Mr. and Mrs. Kopp were married in Oakland 47 years ago Sunday. They came to this city to puchase and open Kopps Bakery which they conducted successfully for the past 15 years. They have retired and turned the business over to their son, Louie Kopp and Mrs. Kopp, within the last two years.

Congratulations poured in upon Mr. and Mrs. Kopp along with best wishes for many happy returns Mr. and Mrs. Kopp are active members in the social and civic life of this city, he being a member of the city council and both are interested in several clubs.

Present for the delightful affair were immediate members of their families. Louie Kopp, and Mrs. Kopp and sons, Karl, Jr., and Norman, and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Pitz.

GIRLS LEAGUE SCHEDULES TENNIS AND BASEBALL

June Bennett, sports manager for the Nevada high school girls league has announced a tennis tournament and many of the enthusiastic girls have signed up for some good competition. Last year Margaret Stevens and Ruth Curnow were doubles champions and Ruth Godfrey won the singles.

The girls who are not tennis players will compete in baseball games, as every year it is customary for each class to have a team and hold inter-class games.

The girls also have soccer and various other novelty games under the direction of Miss Petersen. This year the girls will form basket ball teams. The new gymnasium makes this innovation possible.

YELLOWJACKETS WILL PLAY SAN JUAN OCT. 1

The Nevada City high school foot ball team was defeated Friday afternoon by the team of Placer Junior College. However the game featured good team work and fine sportsmanship. The next game will be played here on October 1 with San Juan. The boys who probably will make the team are Clifford Hoff, Bill Molthen, Engin Pingree, Reggie Kennedy, Karl Kopp, Buron King, George Willard, Melvin Clark, Eddie Doolittle, Hershal Lotz and Phil Angove. David McCraney is manager and Ainsley Fouyer is water boy. The yell leaders captained by Edna Doolittle will sponsor many enthusiastic yells.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shurtleff, Jr., and little daughter, Lou Ann of Salt Lake City who are visiting Mr. Shurtleff's parents on Gold Flat will return home tomorrow. They have been visiting Mrs. Shurtleffs mother, Mrs. H. Phillips in Grass Valley and sisters in San Francisco, while on their vacation.

Personal

Deputy Sheriff Carl T. Larsen, who has been confined to his home for several days with illness, will be able to return to his duties tomorrow.

Mrs. Eva Cottrell went to Vallejo Saturday to visit a son. From there she will go on to Haywards to see a sister and later visit for a time in San Francisco with friends.

Allan Frick, 551 Pine street, recently enrolled for his fifth year at Santa Barbara state college, it is learned here. Frick is majoring in the junior high school education department.

Mrs. Fred Garrison has been removed to Jones Memorial Hospital in Grass Valley, owing to her serious illness. Shhe is suffering from a streptococccic throat. She is under the care of Dr. W. W. Reed.

Carl Penrose was treated at Jones Memorial Hospital on Wednesday for a bad cut on his lip received while moving timbers at the Lucky Jane mine at North Bloomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mullis and Mrs. Mullis' brother, Roman Rozynski returned Tuesday evening from Plumas county where each one killed a three point buck. Mrs. Mullis is one of the very few women mentioned this year as killing deer and it is quite an honor to bring down one of these big deer.

Will C. Fouyer of this city went to San Francisco Friday and spent the week end there on business.

J. J. Connell of Alleghany was in Nevada City today. Some development work is going on at his mine the Oro Flame. One man is employed and two more are to be put to work in a short time.

D. F. Kirkham of this city brought in a fine four point buck today which he had killed at Babcock Point. The deer tag had been validated by Game Warden Earl Hiscox. This is one of the finest deer brought in so far this season, and many stopped to look at it in front of the P. G. and E. office.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith had as week end guests, Mrs. Smith's sister, Miss Avis Caldwell of Sacramento and brother, Traffic Officer Warren Smith of Alturas. Mr. Caldwell has been in Sacramento a few days taking special instuctions in his work.

Leland Smith, head of the grazing division of the Tahoe National Forest in this city, is in Marysville today accepting final reports of different employees working under him in the AAA.

Mrs. Carl Johnson and nieces, Misses Betty and Lois Held, and nephew, Bill Held, spent the week end in Alleghany with Mrs. Johnson's husband. They also enjoyed the big entertainment put an as a benefit for the water system of the city by the Civic Improvement Club.

L. E. Armstrong and wife and daughter of Oakland came up for the funeral of Mr. Armstrong's late brother, E. J. Armstrong in Grass Valley this forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Burnett of Sacramento spent Sunday in Nevada City visiting their son, Floyd Burnett and Mrs. Burnett.

Messrs. Frank Smith and W. Welsh former Nevada City residents who came up from the bay district for a week's vacation, returned today after one of the finest trips they have had in many years. They have met several old time friends, visited old scenes and noted many improvements in the city. They enjoyed a trip over the Tahoe-Ukiah highway which is a new road to them and found it a most beautiful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal D. Draper and family enjoyed a motor trip part way over the Feather River highway Sunday. Mr. Draper made an inspection of a drift gravel mine near Surcease mine or not far from Morris Lake. It is thought the property is on the famous Magalia channel and it holds much promise fom old records investigated.

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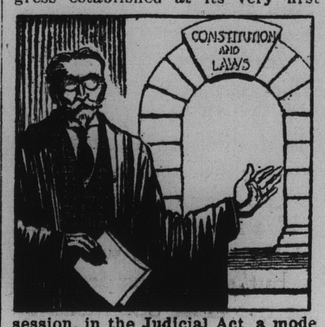
"But who shall decide this question of interference? To whom lies the last appeal? This the Constitution itself decides also, declaring [Article III] that 'the *judicial power* [of the Court] shall extend to *all* cases arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States.'

"These two provisions cover the whole ground," concludes Webster. "They are, in truth, the keystone of the arch. . . . In pursuance of these clear and express provisions, Congress established at its very first



session, in the Judicial Act, a mode for carrying them into full effect and for bringing all questions of constitutional power to the final decision of the Supreme Court. It then, became a Government. It then had the means of self-protection; and, but for this, it would in all probability have been now [1832] among the things which are past."

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CCC ENROLLEES FIND JOBS AND LEAVE CAMPS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 27.—Since January 1 a total of 919 Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees from 48 camps in the National Forests of California have been honorably discharged to accept work with other agencies and employers" was the report of Regional Forester S. B. Show based on a study of enrollee employment made by the U. S. Forest SeSrvice.

"In most cases the opportunity to secure other employment came to those young men as a result of job training received in Forest Service CCC camps" Mr. Show said. "The United States army and forestry personnel are to be commended on the vocational guidance and supervision which the enrollees have been given in California's national forests. With their CCC background youths of the Corps have a broader outlook on what is expected of them when they leave to accept other work. The boys are more physically fit and have more spirit than when they left the city streets to join the CCC. They know something about discipline and how to do an honest day's work."

Enrollees offered employment out side the CCC are given honorable discharges upon acceptance of a new job. Those who have made transfers from the CCC since the first of the year are now being employed in positions varying from service station attendants to those of much greater responsibility. Salesmanship, banking, railroading, truck driving and scores of other trades and business callings have been taken up by enrollees.

An act of Congress at the last session extended the CCC program for three years beginning last July 1. There are now 59 CCC camps under the supervision of the Forest Service in California and southwestern Nevada. Each CCC camp is manned by 160 picked enrollees between the ages of 17 and 223 years who may work in the organization for 24 months, or until they find other employment. Army authorities supervise educational programs, maintain the mess, make payment of wages, are in charge of discipline and furnish clothing, housing and medical care. Work projects allotted to camps in national forests and on state land are supervised by the Forest Service and their tenchnical agencies.

"The Civilian Conservation Corps was the initial unemployment relief measure instituted during President Roosevelt's first year in office," Mr. Show stated. "For its objectives the Corps listed worthwhile employment for unemployed youths, the building of health and morale and the protection and development of natural resources in this country. Millions of dollars have been saved from soil erosion, floods, rodent and insect invasions, forest fires and tree diseases In all, 175 different forestry activities have benefitted from the CCC, and there are hundreds of other conservation jobs being done in many governmental and private agencies."

PARK AVENUE SIDEWALKS

Unpaved sidewalks on both sides of Park Avenue in this city have been practically all shaped up for pavement under supervision of the WPA crew and city officials. Cement pavement has been poured the full length of the Marsh, Celio property on the west and cement is being poured in front of the Marsh home this afternoon. Work is being rushed but the crew was called off last Friday afternoon to fight a forest fire it is stated, causing some delay in paving.

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V. F. W. AUXILIARY TO GIVE PARTY

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The V. F. W. Auxiliary is holding an election of officers on October 8. Their inspector will be here to make an official visit on the same evening.

Jack Griffith of Woodland and friends, Mrs. Verna Sutherland and son and daughter of Goodyears Bar visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burr Sunday.

NEWSPAPER WEEK

Some people may regard Newspaper Week, the seven day period beginning October 4, as "just another week." But they will be in error, for newspapers are safeguards of democracy and freedom. They play a vital part in everyone's daily life, and Newspaper Week helps call attention to this role.

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Because of the advertising columns of newspapers our lives are better ordered. Advertisements save us money and energy, by telling us exactly the place and price of goods we want to buy. An advertisement makes a shot-cut through time for us.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leiter had as a week end guest, Shattuck Leiter of Oakland.

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